United States Mission to the OSCE

Correction of Statement on the Voting Record of the Belarusian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

As delivered by Ambassador Julie Finley to the Permanent Council, Vienna November 17, 2005

Thank you, Madame Chair.

I very much want to correct an inaccuracy in a statement I made on October 4 in response to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly.

I clearly and incorrectly stated that the delegation of Belarus to the July PA Annual Session had voted against the Resolution on Improving the Implementation of OSCE Electoral Standards and Commitments and the Effectiveness of OSCE Election Observation Activities.

In fact, the delegation of Belarus to the Washington meeting abstained from the vote.

I am embarrassed that I failed to catch this error and I thank the delegation of Belarus for bringing this error to my attention.

Thank you.